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POLYCONDENSATES, PRODUCTION AND  
USE THEREOF

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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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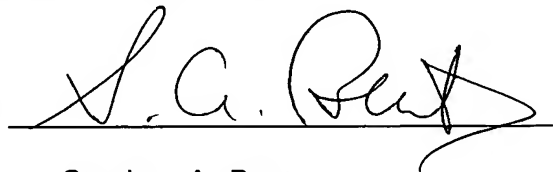
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Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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